

thank Tieffa “Ti” Harper for her service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ti came to the Committee as a detailee from the Federal Public Defender’s Office earlier this year, and she has contributed greatly to the work of the committee. Ti has worked on a broad range of issues, including, among other areas, reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, oversight of the Bureau of Prisons, sentencing reform—including addressing the crack cocaine sentencing disparity through the EQUAL Act—and juvenile justice.

The Committee has significantly benefited from Ti’s insight as a public defender, her sophisticated legal analysis skills, and her knowledge of the criminal justice system. Ti was able to quickly jump into the work of the Committee when her detail began, expertly analyzing complex legislation, drafting policy options to address some of the most pressing criminal justice issues of our time, and preparing for hearings and markups.

The Committee and the American people have been fortunate to have Ti as a strong advocate for a more just legal system during her time working in Congress. While we will miss Ti greatly, we congratulate her on her new position with the Southern Poverty Law Center.

We thank Ti for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bakersfield College for their incredible work and commitment to higher education.

Bakersfield College is a vital institution in our community. The staff, students, and faculty of this school are completely dedicated to quality education and are a model to all of us in California’s Central Valley.

This year, Bakersfield College has once again received statewide recognition for their commitment to excellence by being awarded the Champion of Higher Education by the Campaign for College Opportunity. This award recognizes Bakersfield College for their creative work to advance educational success among their students, many of whom are first generation Americans.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Bakersfield College will be receiving recognition as a Champion of Higher Education. Winning this award year after year demonstrates their commitment to creative solutions that help students grow academically, as well as reduce barriers to entry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible work of both the students and faculty of Bakersfield College. They are a vital part of our community, and I wish them continued success in their enduring pursuit to provide high-quality education opportunities to our community.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION AT SAN JACINTO IN LA PORTE, TX

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association, the Texas Historical Commission, and the volunteers honoring the thousands of Texans who selflessly gave their lives in armed conflict around the world. From the start of the Texas Revolution in 1835 through the war in Afghanistan, 21,500 Texan lives have been lost.

On November 13, 2021, volunteers will place and light 21,500 luminaries on the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site to honor every Texan who made the ultimate sacrifice. Each luminary reminds us that freedom is not free and honors all those who humbly gave their lives to protect our liberties.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and express my gratitude to “The Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto” and their volunteers for their hard work to honor those Texans who died fighting for what they believed in.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021 AS “PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a bipartisan resolution today with my colleagues, Representatives ESHOO, MCKINLEY, and MCCLAIN. Our resolution raises awareness about pancreatic cancer and the importance of increased Congressional funding for research by expressing support for the designation of the month of November 2021 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. I am grateful for Representatives ESHOO, MCKINLEY, and MCCLAIN’s leadership in helping to combat pancreatic cancer.

Recently, pancreatic cancer has killed three American icons: Congressman John Lewis, Congressman Alcee Hastings, and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Accurately described as a silent killer, this disease does not have an early detection test, so unfortunately, by year’s end, pancreatic cancer will have killed an estimated 47,050 Americans and is the third largest cause of cancer-related death in our country. As COVID-19 continues to rob us of our fellow Americans, pancreatic cancer continues to devastate thousands of American families and communities. In my home state of Indiana, nearly 1,000 Hoosiers will be killed by pancreatic cancer by year’s end, and almost 2,000 Hoosiers will be newly diagnosed with this terrible disease. Nationwide, an additional 60,430 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year.

These horrific statistics highlight how few tools exist to detect this disease and, as a re-

sult, the immense pain and suffering it causes. Alarmingly, pancreatic cancer still has no early detection test to quickly and accurately determine the presence of this cancer. As a result, it is very difficult to detect this cancer before it has advanced to later—and more deadly—stages. Tragically, 72 percent of pancreatic cancer patients live less than one year following their diagnosis. This was the case for our colleague, Congressman John Lewis, who was killed by pancreatic cancer less than a year following his diagnosis.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also highlighted how longstanding health disparities and lack of access to care results in disproportionate numbers of infections and deaths from this virus in communities of color. Sadly, the same is true with pancreatic cancer. The incidence rate for pancreatic cancer among Black Americans is twenty percent higher than that of any other racial demographic and the death rate is seventeen percent higher for Black men than for white men. In this way, the lack of pancreatic cancer early detection research accelerates the racial inequities in our health care system, with devastating consequences for minorities.

To help detect pancreatic cancer earlier and to help address racial inequities, the 117th Congress has a unique opportunity to make historic investments in pancreatic cancer research at the Department of Defense (DoD). Congress can do this by increasing funding to pancreatic cancer research. Within this research funding, DoD should include early detection research as a major funding priority to help more patients detect this deadly disease early. In fact, if diagnosed early, the 5-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer patients is above 80 percent. Current pancreatic cancer research funding remains at a fraction of the level that our fellow Americans struggling with this disease deserve. That’s why it is so critical that we raise awareness about how deadly and destructive this cancer is to our American family, and why increasing pancreatic cancer research is critical to lowering this disease’s deadliness.

Moreover, at a time when our country is having a national conversation about the deep disparities in access to health care for Black and Brown people during the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress must do everything within our power to improve health outcomes through research and treatment, and that includes pancreatic cancer. And in order to ensure that we improve outcomes, we need to raise awareness with the American public and our colleagues in Congress about just how deadly this cancer is and why we need to find early detection tools, effective treatments and reduce this disease’s disproportionate impact on communities of color.

I urge my colleagues in the House to support this resolution.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. MICHAEL EDUARDO CORTÉS

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Michael